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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0502**

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Lester Snow  
CALFED Executive Director  
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Dear Lester:

I have received hundreds of letters from concerned constituents regarding the future of Englebright Dam. Englebright is a multi-purpose facility providing diverse activities and services to the surrounding communities. Lake Englebright provides Yuba, Nevada and Sutter Counties with various recreational activities, flood control, fire protection, tourism dollars and generated power.

Recently, I understand that there has been an application made to your agency requesting funding for a study to determine the feasibility of removing Englebright Dam from the Yuba River.

The feasibility of removing Englebright Dam has raised several questions in the minds of my constituency. I feel these concerns initiate with the CALFED process and need to be addressed before any special funds are allocated to conduct studies on the future of Englebright Dam.

According to Dan McCarroll, CALFED legislative assistant, "[CALFED]...has issued a contract to a consulting firm to determine the scope of actions that would accomplish some of our ecosystem restoration goals. The generally accepted 'bookends' for the scope of activity, relative to Englebright, are 1) do nothing, and 2) decommission the dam."

At this time I have five questions:

1. If CALFED has already issued a contract to determine ecosystem restoration goals with a consulting firm, how would a private, local organization be eligible for grant money to initiate a study of their own?

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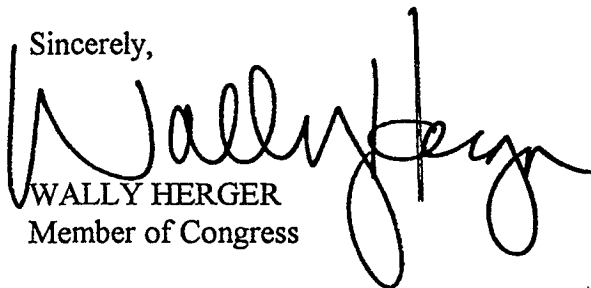
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2. Please provide an accounting and source of any funds used to provide a grant for such a study.
3. What weight would a proposed study by a private, local organization be given in making a final decision for possible decommissioning of the Englebright Dam?
4. What peer review, if any would be required if such a study is given any weight in making a final decision?
5. Does the consulting firm currently under contract with CALFED have authority to subcontract parts of, or all of, the work it is required to accomplish in providing further documentation concerning ecosystem restoration goals for CALFED?

It is my hope CALFED will promptly provide clear and reasonable answers to these questions.

Sincerely,



WALLY HERGER  
Member of Congress